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FM AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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TAGS: CPAS, ID(MARINO, MARIA AND FRANCESCA)

SUBJ: RETENTION OF PASSPORTS: MARIA AND FRANCESCA MARINO

REF: A. JAKARTA 0735, B. STATE 16070, C. STATE 22137

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER DECISION TO CANCEL PASSPORTS OF MARINO CHILDREN (REF. C), SINCE WE CONSIDER CASE IS NOW ESSENTIALLY ONE OF PROTECTION. EMBASSY REALIZES MARINO CHILDREN ARE NOT U.S. CITIZENS AND THAT ORIGINAL ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS BY AMEMBASSY BANGKOK WAS IN ERROR. AS THESE TWO YOUNGSTERS ARE STATELESS CHILDREN OF TWO U.S. CITIZEN PARENTS, USG HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THEIR SAFETY AND WELFARE. FOR REASONS OUTLINED REF A, CANCELLATION OF THEIR ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE BY MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GO TO SINGAPORE.

2. EMBASSY'S PROPOSAL REF. A TO LIMIT VALIDITY OF PASSPORTS TO JUNE 30, 1976 AND LIMIT GEOGRAPHIC VALIDITY TO SINGAPORE & INDONESIA IS DESIGNED TO GIVE THEM A TRAVEL DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD BE RECOGNIZED BY INDONESIA AND SINGAPORE IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY. JUNE 30 EXPIRY WOULD MEAN PASSPORTS COULD NOT BE USED TO ENTER U.S. WHEN THE MARINOS GO OM HOME LEAVE IN JULY. AT THAT TIME EMBASSY WILL ISSUE IV'S TO THE CHILDREN. THIS EILL WLOW THEM TO TRANSIT SINGAPORE.

3. EMBASSY'S PRIMARY CONCERN IN THIS CASE IS AND MUST REMAIN THE WELFARE OF THESE TWO TWO YEAR OLD CHILDREN. IF PASSPORT OFFICE CANNOT AGREE TO THIS PROPOSAL WE
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WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTING A PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE.

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